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# FIELD CROPS

## HOGS AND PIGS



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**FLORIDA:** Hot, dry weather in May and June delayed the planting of some spring crops and stressed dry land crops. Some fields were replanted due to poor stands. Tobacco growth was slowed by the hot, dry weather. In most areas no hay was cut during May and June. Winter wheat harvest started in mid-May and was complete by mid-June. The dry weather helped make for a good wheat harvest season. Tobacco harvest started in mid-June.

**CORN:** Corn planted for all purposes totaled 85,000 acres, down 6 percent from last year. The acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 49,000 acres, up 23 percent from 1999. Corn planting started on time. The early corn was under stress from the hot, dry weather during tasseling.

**COTTON:** Total planted cotton acreage is estimated at 100,000 acres, 7 percent more than last year. Some cotton planting was delayed and some cotton had to be replanted due to the dry soil conditions.

**ALL HAY:** Acreage of all types of hay, cut and to be cut, is placed at 270,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Few growers were able to make the first and second cuttings of hay at the normal time this year due to hot, dry weather.

**PEANUTS:** Planted acreage of peanuts is estimated at 90,000 acres, down 12 percent from 1999. Of the planted acreage, 80,000 acres are expected to be harvested for dry nuts. The remaining 10,000 acres will be used for green peanuts and other purposes. The hot, dry weather delayed the planting of some of the crop. Some peanuts had to be replanted due to poor stands. By June 25, 22 percent of the peanuts were pegging compared with 58 percent on June 27, 1999.

**SOYBEANS:** Acreage planted and to be planted to soybeans is estimated at 25,000 acres, up 25 percent from last year. The area to be harvested for beans is expected to be 24,000 acres, up 26 percent from a year earlier.

**SUGARCANE:** Total sugarcane acreage for sugar and seed during the 2000-2001 crop season is estimated at 448,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Sugarcane on sand ground was stressed by the hot, dry weather. Irrigated sugarcane is in good condition.

**TOBACCO:** Acreage is estimated at 4,900 acres, down 16 percent from 1999. Hot, dry weather during May and June slowed the growth of tobacco. The dry weather was very hard on dryland tobacco. Tobacco harvest started in mid-June.

**WINTER WHEAT:** Area planted to winter wheat in the fall of 1999 is estimated at 13,000 acres, down 19 percent from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain in 2000 is estimated at 9,000 acres, the same as last year. Wheat harvest started in mid-May and was completed by mid-June. The dry weather helped make a good wheat harvest season.

### FLORIDA CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested <sup>1/</sup>	
	1999	2000	1999	2000 <sup>2/</sup>
1,000 acres				
All Corn	90.0	85.0	40.0	49.0
Soybeans	20.0	25.0	19.0	24.0
Peanuts	102.0	90.0	94.0	80.0
All Cotton	107.0	100.0	106.0	<sup>3/</sup>
All Hay	--	--	260.0	270.0
Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed	--	--	460.0	448.0
Tobacco	--	--	5.8	4.9
Winter Wheat	16.0	13.0	9.0	9.0

<sup>1/</sup> Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. <sup>2/</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3/</sup> Estimates to be released August 11, 2000.

## UNITED STATES CROP HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN:** The planted area for corn for all purposes is estimated at 79.6 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 73.1 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from 1999. The corn acreage estimate was based on survey information collected between May 30 and June 19. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared to an average of 96 percent for the past ten years.

**WINTER WHEAT:** Area harvested for grain is now expected to total 35.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast, but down less than 1 percent from 1999 acreage for grain. This is the smallest area for grain since 1972. Planted area is slightly above the previous estimate, but still down fractionally from 1999.

**SOYBEANS:** The 2000 planted area for soybeans is estimated at 74.5 million acres, 1 percent above last year's acreage. Area for harvest is estimated at 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999. If realized, this will be the largest planted and harvested acreage on record. Planted acreage has consistently increased every year since 1990 when the soybean planted area totaled 57.8 million acres.

**PEANUTS:** Acreage planted to peanuts in 2000 is estimated at 1.50 million acres, down 3 percent from the 1999 plantings and down 2 percent from the 1998 level. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.47 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) planted 812,000 acres, down 6 percent from 1999. Peanut planting lagged behind normal in Georgia due to moisture shortages in April. The majority of the peanut crop was planted the last three weeks of May. As of June 25, Georgia's crop condition showed 67 percent of the crop in fair to good condition. Alabama peanuts were rated in mostly very poor condition.

**COTTON:** The United States planted area of all cotton for 2000 is estimated at 15.6 million acres, 5 percent above last year.

Upland cotton is expected to total 15.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 1999. Growers planted 202,000 acres of American-Pima cotton. This is a 30 percent decrease from last year's acreage. The vast majority of the reduction in acreage is being shifted to upland cotton. Producers in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) planted 3.53 million acres of upland cotton. This is an increase of 2 percent from 1999. Many cotton producers delayed planting in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina due to extreme drought conditions. By mid to late-May, Georgia farmers were 10 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Planting accelerated in early June, as farmers were forced to plant acreage to minimize the potential damage that would result from an early frost. Some dryland acreage, which was intended to be planted to cotton, was not planted due to the lack of topsoil moisture. Alabama cotton producers also experienced extremely dry soil conditions, resulting in delayed planting. However, on May 7 they reported 60 percent planted. This was up 28 percentage points from the previous week and surpassed the 5-year average by six points. Some replanting was necessary due to poor stands which resulted from the lack of moisture.

**HAY:** Producers expect to harvest 62.2 million acres of hay in 2000, down 2 percent from the 63.2 million acres harvested the previous year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are estimated at 23.8 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. All other hay is estimated at 38.4 million acres down 2 percent from last year.

**TOBACCO:** U.S. all tobacco area for harvest in 2000 is forecast at 493,840 acres, down 24 percent from the 1999 crop and 1 percent below the March intentions. Compared to the 1999 crop, large harvested acreage reductions are planned for Flue-cured and Light Air-cured tobacco. Flue-cured tobacco, at 253,900 acres, is 16 percent below a year ago. Flue-cured acreage, which accounts for 51 percent of this year's total tobacco acreage, is expected to hit its lowest in recorded history. Acreage in North Carolina, the leading State, is down 16 percent from last year.

### UNITED STATES CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested <sup>1/</sup>	
	1999	2000	1999	2000 <sup>2/</sup>
1,000 acres				
Corn	77,431.0	79,579.0	70,537.0	73,088.0
Sorghum	9,288.0	8,805.0	8,544.0	8,110.0
Oats	4,670.0	4,472.0	2,453.0	2,472.0
All wheat	62,814.0	62,946.0	53,909.0	54,445.0
Winter wheat	43,431.0	43,349.0	35,572.0	35,401.0
Soybeans	73,780.0	74,501.0	72,476.0	73,474.0
Peanuts	1,534.5	1,495.0	1,436.0	1,467.5
All cotton	14,873.5	15,552.0	13,424.9	<sup>3/</sup>
All hay	--	--	63,160.0	62,181.0
All tobacco	--	--	647,160.0	493,840.0
Sugarbeets	1,560.6	1,560.9	1,527.3	1,526.6
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	--	--	993.3	1,020.4

<sup>1/</sup> Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. <sup>2/</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3/</sup> Estimates to be released August 11, 2000.

**HOGS AND PIGS:** Inventory numbers, breeding, market, and total, June 1, 1999 and 2000

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000	2000 As % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 As % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 As % of 1999
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
AR	110	110	100	615	580	94	725	690	95
IL	460	430	93	3,890	3,720	96	4,350	4,150	95
IN	410	350	85	3,190	2,950	92	3,600	3,300	92
IA	1,200	1,160	97	14,300	14,340	100	15,500	15,500	100
KS	160	150	94	1,360	1,240	91	1,520	1,390	91
MI	120	110	92	980	890	91	1,100	1,000	91
MN	600	580	97	5,000	5,126	102	5,600	5,700	102
MO	410	380	93	2,790	2,670	96	3,200	3,050	95
NE	410	370	90	2,790	2,580	92	3,200	2,950	92
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,600	101	9,500	9,600	101
OH	200	160	80	1,450	1,240	86	1,650	1,400	85
OK	310	340	110	1,870	1,950	104	2,180	2,290	105
PA	125	125	100	965	925	96	1,090	1,050	96
SD	130	125	96	1,200	1,105	92	1,330	1,230	92
WI	80	65	81	580	515	89	660	580	88
Oth Sts <sup>1/</sup>	505	484	96	3,515	3,274	93	4,021	3,757	93
US	6,515	6,234	96	54,380	53,164	98	60,896	59,397	98

<sup>1/</sup> Individual State estimates not available for the 35 other States.

**MARKET HOGS AND PIGS:** Inventory number by weight groups, June 1, 1999 and 2000

State	Under 60 lbs		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs and over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 head							
AR	220	210	150	135	135	130	110	105
IL	1,460	1,360	950	920	840	820	640	620
IN	1,230	1,170	810	690	650	570	500	520
IA	4,550	4,570	3,950	4,070	3,050	3,080	2,750	2,620
KS	555	500	290	245	255	235	260	260
MI	430	400	220	200	200	160	130	130
MN	2,000	2,060	1,200	1,250	980	1,020	820	790
MO	1,240	1,270	730	610	520	490	300	300
NE	1,130	1,040	720	660	540	500	400	380
NC	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,750	1,700	1,350	1,400
OH	590	520	375	290	305	270	180	160
OK	790	840	360	400	270	240	450	470
PA	360	340	250	250	195	195	160	140
SD	430	390	280	310	270	240	220	165
WI	215	195	130	120	130	110	105	90
Oth Sts <sup>1/</sup>	1,322	1,203	836	807	731	690	627	574
US	20,532	20,188	13,501	13,247	11,076	10,700	9,272	9,029

<sup>1/</sup> Individual State estimates not available for the 35 other States.

## UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

INVENTORY of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2000, was 59.4 million head. This was 2 percent below June 1999 but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.23 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 1999, but up slightly from March 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2000 U.S. pig crop at 25.8 million head, was 2 percent less than 1999 and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.89 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to 8.80 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the June-August 2000 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999 and 7 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for September-November 2000, at 2.86 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period last year, but 4 percent below 1998.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 30 percent last year.

## HOGS AND PIGS: U.S. inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 1999 and 2000.

	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
1,000 head			
June 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	60,896	59,397	98
Kept for breeding	6,515	6,234	96
Market	54,380	53,164	98
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pounds	20,532	20,188	98
60-119 pounds	13,501	13,247	98
120-179 pounds	11,076	10,700	97
180 pounds	9,272	9,029	97
Sows farrowing:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	2,891	2,819	98
March-May	2,986	2,905	97
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	5,877	5,724	97
June-August <sup>2/</sup>	2,920	2,854	98
September-November <sup>2/</sup>	2,844	2,861	101
June-November <sup>2/</sup>	5,764	5,715	99
Pig crop:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	25,247	24,777	98
March-May	26,270	25,831	98
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	51,517	50,609	98
June-August	25,860		
September-November	24,972		
June-November	50,832		

<sup>1/</sup> December preceding year. <sup>2/</sup> Intentions for 2000.